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In re Application

Inventors: Christopher C. Angus et al.
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PATENT APPLICATION

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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Reply is in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005. In the Office Action, there was a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30, 47 and 85-87, drawn to a data processing system, each said entity being presented by a single corresponding entity record, said entity records storing data indicating relationships between said entities, classified in class 707, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 48-50, 83, and 88-91, drawn to a data processing system, wherein the entity records comprise a hierarchical structure, in which at least a first entity record relates to a specific entity, classified in class 707, subclass 102.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I. Applicants also respectfully request that Claim 83 be included in elected Group I (rather than Group II), since claim 83 does not require that "the entity records comprise a hierarchical structure," but claim 83 does require a data processing system having entities records storing data indicating relationships between entities.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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